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NASA FOR TERRELL

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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: RENEWAL OF NASA-
ACADEMY AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 3393, (B) 77 MOSCOW 5860, (C) MOSCOW 525

1. ON FEBRUARY 22 VERESHCHETIN GAVE SCICOUNS A LETTER
(DATED FEBRUARY 22) FROM PETROV TO LOVELACE ON RENEWAL OF
THE NASA-ACADEMY AGREEMENT, WHICH REPLIES TO THE LOVELACE-
PETROV LETTER OF DECEMBER 28, 1977 (REF A). INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 3. ORIGINAL
BEING POUCHED TO NASA FOR TERRELL, REGISTRY NO. 2076486.

2. VERESHCHETIN COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS HAD FOUND LOVELACE
LETTER TO BE "CURIOUS," BECAUSE SOVIETS HAD BEEN
OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALEKSANDROV-LOVELACE
LETTER OF APRIL 22, 1977 (REF B), HAD FORMALLY RENEWED
THE AGREEMENT. VERESHCHETIN NOTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES
HAD CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS JOINT SPACE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
DURING THE PAST YEAR, WHICH IMPLIED TO THE SOVIETS THAT
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THE AGREEMENT WAS IN FORCE. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO
VERESHCHETIN, SOVIETS DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY OR
DESIRABLE FORMALLY TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME.
HOWEVER, VERESHCHETIN INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE WILLING
TO DATE THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT EITHER FROM THE DATE
OF THE ALEKSANDROV-LOVELACE LETTER (APRIL 22, 1977) OR
FROM THE DATE OF THE RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL

AGREEMENT IN SPACE COOPERATION (MAY 18, 1978). IN
RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS QUERY, VERESHCHETIN INDICATED
INFORMALLY THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO AN EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS BETWEEN NASA AND THE ACADEMY, WHICH WOULD STATE
FORMALLY THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN RENEWED, EITHER ON
APRIL 22, OR ON MAY 18, 1977, AND WOULD ALSO FORMALLY
INDICATE THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE
US-USSR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OF SPACE COOPERATION.
3. PETROV-LOVELACE LETTER FOLLOWS BELOW.

DEAR DR. LOVELACE:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PREVIOUS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
BETWEEN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR AND NASA
(LETTER OF NASA OF FEBRUARY 8, 1977 AND THE ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES' ANSWER OF APRIL 22, 1977), WE ASSUME THAT THE
VALIDITY OF THE "SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ON SPACE
COOPERATION" (MOSCOW, JANUARY 18-21, 1971) WAS RENEWED
BEFORE THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USSR AND
THE USA ON COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER
SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, OF MAY 24, 1977. CONCERNING
QUESTIONS OF ORGANIZING THE ACTIVITY OF THE JOINT WORKING
GROUPS, SET UP UNDER THE "SUMMARY DOCUMENT", WE AGREE WITH
YOUR PROPOSAL TO LET THE WORKING GROUPS THEMSELVES DEFINE
THE DIRECTIONS OF RESEARCH WHICH OFFER THE HIGHEST MUTUAL
INTEREST AND POTENTIAL.
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF INTERPLANETARY
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RESEARCH, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT
CAN BE CONSTRUCTED IS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, A. P. ALEKSANDROV,
OF APRIL 22, 1977, AS FOLLOWS:

"WE AGREE TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON
PROJECTS CONNECTED WITH INTERPLANETARY RESEARCH, INCLUDING
DATA OF A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CHARACTER, IN AN
AMOUNT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES, AND TO UNDERTAKE THE
NECESSARY MEASURES TO ACCELERATE THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH
INFORMATION.

WE ARE NOT OPPOSED ALSO TO EXTENDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
AGREEMENT TO THE EXCHANGE OF PRE-FLIGHT INFORMATION IN AN
AMOUNT WHICH, AS YOU PROPOSE, EACH SIDE WILL DECIDE
INDIVIDUALLY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DOES
NOT LAY ON THE PARTIES AN OBLIGATION TO SHARE NATIONAL
PROGRAMS OF PLANETARY RESEARCH."

4. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON INTERPLANETARY EXCHANGE ISSUE
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